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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU DEMARCHE ON UNGA CYPRUS
DEBATE

1. AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN ON INSTRUCTION NOVEMBER 4 TO DRAW ATTENTION TO POSITION GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS WILL TAKE IN UNGA CONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. GOC WILL PRESS FOR RESOLUTION WHICH (A) NOTES LACK OF IMPLEMENTATION BY TURKEY OF PROVISIONS OF GA RESOLUTION 3214 (B) CALLS FOR RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS, AND, (C) CONDEMNS UNILATERAL ACTIONS BY TURKEY SUCH AS THE CREATION OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS AND THE MIGRATION OF MAINLAND TURKS TO THE TURKISH-CONTROLLED NORTH OF CYPRUS.

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2. DIMITRIOU STATED THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTION TO

REQUEST THAT THE USG KEEP THESE POINTS IN MIND AND TO ASK OUR SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HOPEFULLY EMBODY THESE POINTS. LAINGEN REPLIED THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY BEAR THESE POINTS IN MIND, BUT THAT WE WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO RESERVE OUR POSITION ON SUPPORT OF ANY CYPRUS RESOLUTION UNTIL WE SAW WHAT DEVELOPED. LAINGEN STRESSED THAT OUR OBJECTIVES WERE TWOFOLD: TO KEEP TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM ANY DISRUPTIVE EFFECT THE DEBATE COULD HAVE ON

EFFORTS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED, AND TO OBTAIN A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE OUTLOOK FOR NEGOTIATIONS. WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT AN ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE CAN ONLY DETRACT FROM PEACE EFFORTS, LAINGEN ADDED.

3.DURING THE COURSE OF A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE STATE OF PLAY IN EFFORTS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED, DIMITRIOU NOTED THAT RAUF DENKTASH WAS CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK AND WONDERED WHETHER HE WOULD BE COMING TO WASHINGTON. LAINGEN SAID DENKTASH HAD INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO SEE SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THE REQUEST WAS BEING CONSIDERED. LAINGEN RECALLED THAT DENKTASH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO SEE THE SECRETARY IN SEPTEMBER BUT THAT DENKTASH HAD TO CANCEL THE MEETING WHEN FORCED TO RETURN TO ANKARA BECAUSE OF THE ILLNESS OF HIS SON. LAINGEN NOTED THAT DENKTASH HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY MET THE SECRETARY AND THAT WE FELT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL.

4. LAINGEN TOOK THE OCCASION TO DISCUSS THE CYPRUS POSITION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AND NOTED THAT PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUE WOULD OCCUR SOMETIME BETWEEN NOVEMBER 6 AND 19. HE STATED THAT IT WAS OUR HOPE THAT CYPRUS WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. AFTER A LENGTHY EXPOSITION OF CYPRUS NEED FOR SUPPORT OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, DIMITRIOU SAID IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT US IN THIS INSTANCE. LAINGEN STATED THAT WE CERTAINLY WOULD VIEW WITH GREAT CONCERN ANY CHANGE FROM ABSTENTION ON THE TWO SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS. KISSINGER

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